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A Proclamation for restraint of transportation of grayne beyonde the seas.



HE Queenes Maiestie understandyng of the sodayne increase of the pryces of grayne, for the more part uniuersally in the Realme, as it is to be conjectured partlye by the vnseasonablenesse of the late haruest tyme, and partlye by reason of excessive transporation of grayne out of the Realme, into the parties beyonde the seas, whereby ys stay be not speedily made for anye further transporation, there may follow a great dearth, whiche shall hardly be borne of a great number of her good louing subiectes: doth therfore straightly charge and commaunde all maner her subiectes, and other inhabitauntes within this Realme, to forbeare from the day of the publication hereof, from the shypynge or lading into any bessell, any manner of grayne, to the intent the same shoulde be directly or indirectly caryed and transported into any partes beyonde the seas, vpon payne of imprisonment, and other further punishments, due by the lawes of the Realme. And ys any officers, in anye porre Townes, as Customers, Comptrollers, Searchers, or such lyke, shalle yther themselues offend herein, or shall not doe theyz endeour to stay any such transporation, or ys they cannot conueniently stay the same, shall not make due and speedye infourmation thereof to her Maiestie, her priuie counsell, or to the principal officers of her Exchequer, then they, besides the former punishments, to forseyte theyz offices. And considering it cannot be well auoyded, but that some quantitie of grayne is to be caryed from one porre to another porre, to serue the necessarie of some other part of the Realme: in such case, the officers of the portes shal diligently see, that good sureties with bondes be taken of persons being of valure aunswerable for the same, to bring due certificates from the portes where the same shall aryue and be vnladen: And that for more assurance thereof, the officers of the portes, shall thereof make theyz certificates into the Exchequer within two monethes after the arriuall thereof, vpon payne of forseytice of their offices.

And for that it is thought, that it shal appeare by the ende of October next, what effect shal folow hereof, to the diminution of the excessive pryces, her Maiestie meaneth that this maner of restraint shall not continue by force of this proclamation, but to the ende of the sayd moneth of October nowe folowing.

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God sauе the Queene.

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